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## Kind on Committee to Finalize Transportation Bill & \$16 Million for Western Wisconsin

*Highway legislation will create jobs, streamline commerce, & enhance safety*

Washington, DC –U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) announced today that he has been chosen to serve on the bipartisan House-Senate Transportation Conference Committee tasked with reauthorizing highway and public transit programs for the next six years and providing \$16 million for western Wisconsin transportation projects. The committee is meeting this week to reconcile differences in the transportation bills passed by the two chambers of Congress earlier this year and is aiming to complete its work before the current authority for transportation programs expires on June 30.

“Recognizing the importance of this bill with respect to our state’s transportation infrastructure and job creation, I think it’s important that western Wisconsin have a place at the table as Congress finalizes this legislation,” stated Kind, who supported the House passed legislation in March. “I intend to work in a bipartisan fashion with the other committee members to expeditiously resolve the differences between the chambers so Congress can send the bill to the President to sign into law and Wisconsin can receive this critical funding.”

The transportation bill provides funding for federal-aid highways, public transit, transportation safety and research, with additional funding reserved for urgent need projects in individual congressional districts. The bill also awards \$16 million in additional funding for transportation projects in Wisconsin’s Third Congressional District. The additional funding for western Wisconsin will support the following transportation projects:

- **\$7,000,000** to reconstruct and rebuild the St. Croix River Crossing, connecting Wisconsin State Hwy. 64 in Houlton, WI to Minnesota State Hwy. 36 in Stillwater, MN.
- **\$4,000,000** to widen Wisconsin State Hwy. 64 between Houlton and New Richmond, WI.
- **\$3,000,000** to reconstruct Wisconsin State Hwy. 21 at the I-94 Interchange.
- **\$2,000,000** for the expansion of USH 151, between Dickeyville and Belmont.

“The money for Wisconsin’s highway and transit infrastructure will enhance the efficiency of interstate commerce, alleviate commuter congestion, and result in safer roads for transit users,” stated Rep. Kind. “Just as important as the funding provided are the jobs that will be created. At a time when job creation is a critical priority, this bill is estimated to create 47,500 new jobs for each billion spent on highway funding.”